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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated May 2, 2006 and having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on June 2, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which

begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.